

WE CLAIM THE FOLLOWING:

1. An electrical socket outlet having two rectangular plug-in openings, whose broad sides are aligned parallel to one another, and having a grounding opening lying on the center perpendicular of the line connecting the plug-in openings, the socket outlet comprising a plug-in shell and a bottom shell, wherein slots in the plug-in shell accommodate essentially straight contact rails and a likewise essentially straight grounding rail, each having a U-shaped cross section, wherein the free ends of the limbs of the contact rails and the grounding rail point toward the plug-in openings and the grounding opening, and wherein the limbs of the contact rails and the grounding rail are supported on both sides of the slots by transverse webs.
2. The electrical socket outlet as claimed in claim 1, wherein the contact rails and the grounding rail each have in their base cutouts which are aligned with the plug-in openings or with the grounding opening.
3. The electrical socket outlet as claimed in claim 1, wherein the transverse webs are provided in the region of the plug-in openings and the grounding opening.
4. The electrical socket outlet as claimed in claim 3, wherein the lower shell comprises a rectangular bottom plate having transverse walls whose profiled projections support and align the contact rails and the grounding rail.
5. The electrical socket outlet as claimed in claim 4, wherein guides, matching accommodating profiles of a profile system which accommodates the socket outlet, are formed on the side walls of the upper shell.

6. The electrical socket outlet as claimed in claim  
5, wherein the contact rails and the grounding rail  
each end in the longitudinal direction on one side in a  
holder in the form of a gripper for connecting further  
5 socket outlets.

7. The electrical socket outlet as claimed in claim  
6, wherein the contact rails and the grounding rail  
each end in the longitudinal direction on the other  
10 side in a plug tongue in the form of a web for  
connection to a holder in the form of a gripper or to a  
contact tube of a power supply socket outlet.

8. The electrical socket outlet as claimed in claim  
15 7, wherein the plug tongue in the form of a web has  
transverse corrugations for increasing the effective  
thickness.